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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

Jacques MALLET *et al.*

Appl. No.: 09/254,617

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For: METHOD FOR TREATING  
AMYOTROPHIC LATERAL SCLEROSIS

Art Unit: 1632

Examiner: Anne Marie Baker

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Sir:

**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

In response to the Office Action of August 12, 2002 (Paper No. 17), applicants request reconsideration. As explained below, the application is in condition for allowance. In addition, please amend the application as indicated below.

**AMENDMENT**

**Cancel** claims 52-63, without prejudice or disclaimer,

**Replace** claims 65, 67-69, and 75 with amended claims, and

**Add** new claims 76-128, as indicated on the following pages.

As required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, applicants enclose Appendix A showing the changes made to the amended claims. Furthermore, in the pages that follow, all of the claims of the application, as currently amended, are presented. Those claims noted by the parenthetical "(amended)" are replacement claims, those noted by the parenthetical "(new)" are new claims, and the remaining claims have not been changed by this amendment.